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SUBJECT: US-BULGARIAN RELATIONS

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1. AFTER THEIR RETURN TO SOFIA IN EARLY PART OF AUGUST LUKANOV AND SUBEV PRESUMABLY WILL REPORT IN DETAIL ON EMPHASIS PLACED HERE ON SUCH ISSUES AS CONSULAR CONVENTION, TREATMENT OF EMBASSY, ACCESS TO OFFICIALS, AND PROPAGANDA TREATMENT OF US. THUS, WE BELIEVE IT IS ADVISABLE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER RETURN OF DELEGATION BEFORE MAKING ANY FOLLOW-UP APPROACH TO BULGARIANS ON THESE ISSUES.

2. MAIN ITEM TO TAKE UP FORMALLY WITH BULGARIANS AT PRESENT IS HOW TO BRING CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS TO CONCLUSION. SPECIFICALLY, BULGARIANS OWE US COMMENTS ON DUAL NATIONALS NOTE EXCHANGE AND ON ARTICLE 38.

3. THERE IS NO PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR HIGH-LEVEL VISITS IN EITHER DIRECTION AT THIS TIME. SHOULD BULGARIANS RAISE

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THIS POINT YOU SHOULD REPEAT POINTS MADE TO LUKANOV AND

SUBEV HERE THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH OTHER ISSUES (PARA
1 ABOVE) TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS IN ORDER TO PREPARE
WAY FOR SUCH VISITS IN FUTURE. MISS BATJER WILL HAVE OUR
LATEST THOUGHTS ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH THESE ISSUES IN
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